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FOR FREEMAN FROM BURGHER

1. RE FREEMAN COMING TO KHARTOUM WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING:

A. FIRST, AMBASSADOR BREWER'S OPINION IS THAT FREEMAN VISIT TO KHARTOUM, IF MADE, SHOULD BE VERY LOW KEY SO AS NOT TO EMBARRASS SUDAN GOVT. VIS A VIS ETHIOPIAN GOVT. ALSO WE SHOULD NOT EMPHASIZE VIP NATURE OF FREEMAN POSITION NOR CALL OFFICIAL ATTENTION TO VISIT WHICH MIGHT CAUSE GOVT HERE REVIEW ITS CURRENT WILLINGNESS EXTEND QUIET GOOD OFFICES.

B. SECOND, IF FREEMAN ELECTS TO COME WE SHOULD SET UP SOME APPOINTMENTS AS A COVER FOR PURPOSE OF VISIT. FOR INSTANCE, MINISTERS OF PETROLEUM OR COMMERCE COULD GIVE APPOINTMENTS FOR BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS WITH FREEMAN. WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO UPSET THE DELICATE BALANCE OF SUDAN GOVT AND ETHIOPIAN GOVT RELATIONS RE THE ELF PROBLEM.

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C. THIRD, PERSONAL SAFETY IN KHARTOUM IS PROBABLY MORE DEPENDABLE

THAN MOST OTHER LARGE CITIES. SUDAN GOVT. IS STRICT LAW AND ORDER TYPE RUN BY TOUGH MILITARY REGIME WHICH REINFORCES CONSERVATIVE MOSLEM SOCIETY IN WHICH SERIOUS CRIME-RATE VERY SMALL. WE THEREFORE FEEL FREEMAN COULD SAFELY VISIT HERE BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE WE COULD OR SHOULD OFFICIALLY APPROACH SUDAN GOVT RE ANY SORT OF GUARANTEE FOR SAFETY. EMBASSY WOULD OF COURSE, BE PREPARED SEEK ASSURE APPROPRIATE GUARDING AIRCRAFT.

2. IF YOU DECIDE COME, WOULD BE DESIRABLE OBTAIN VISAS PLUS MANDATORY SEND FOLLOWING DETAILS FOR AIRCRAFT CLEARANCE:

A. TYPE AIRCRAFT

B. COUNTRY OF REGISTRATION

C. REGISTRATION NUMBER AND/OR CALL SIGN

D. NAMES AND NATIONALITY CREW

E. DITTO PASSANGERS

F. NAME AND ADDRESS PLANE'S OWNER

G. FLIGHT PLAN FROM LAST TAKE OFF POINT

H. ENTRY POINT AND TIME ARRIVAL SUDAN AIRSPACE, IF KNOWN, AND ETS KHARTOUM.

3. EMBASSY ADVISES SUDAN GOVT REGULATIONS REQUIRE 72 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE AIRCRAFT ARRIVAL BUT EMBASSY WOULD SEEK EXPEDITE. BURGHER. BREWER

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